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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : NRP Forecast for April 1970

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1. This is a briefing memorandum for use in the 40 Committee review of the NRP Forecast Supplement to the April JRC Schedule. Recommendations are in paragraph 7 below.

2. Under the IDEALIST/TACKLE program, U-2 missions over the mainland of China continue to be proposed as well as the alternative of peripheral photo/ELINT missions if overflight remains denied. As stated last month, the peripheral missions are difficult to justify on intelligence grounds (particularly during the Warsaw talks) [REDACTED]

Last month you approved these missions.

3. The requested SR-71 mission over North Korea was also contained in the Special Overflight Supplement to the JRC April schedule. In our earlier memorandum on that schedule, we recommended approval of this single mission.

4. The request for U-2 missions over Cuba has been reduced from the normal 3 to 6 missions to 1 or 2. This is in anticipation of the USIB approval of the new COMIREX requirement calling for nearly complete coverage of the island every three months rather than every eight weeks. Experience to date with the IRIS II camera has shown that one mission per month should satisfy the new requirement.

5. Also contained in the earlier JRC memorandum was the recommendation that the proposed TAGBOARD [REDACTED] drone mission over South China be disapproved. You will note the NRO summary of TAGBOARD missions, including the recent successful test, which has been included in the Forecast this time.

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6. Only one satellite [REDACTED] is scheduled for the month.

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7. We presume you will decide to approve [REDACTED] U-2 missions. As to the other missions, we recommend that:

a. You approve the SR-71 mission over North Korea and the U-2 mission(s) over Cuba;

b. You disapprove the drone overflight of South China; and,

c. You approve the satellite launch.

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